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Virginia's Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims

— Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance claims rose by 44.5% from the previous filing week as continued claims were essentially unchanged during that period—

RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced that the number of initial claims filed during the January 9 filing week rose to its highest levels since July, according to figures released today.

For the filing week ending January 9, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 28,227. The latest claims figure was an increase of 8,697 claimants from the previous week which could in part reflect seasonal spikes in layoffs often seen after the holidays.

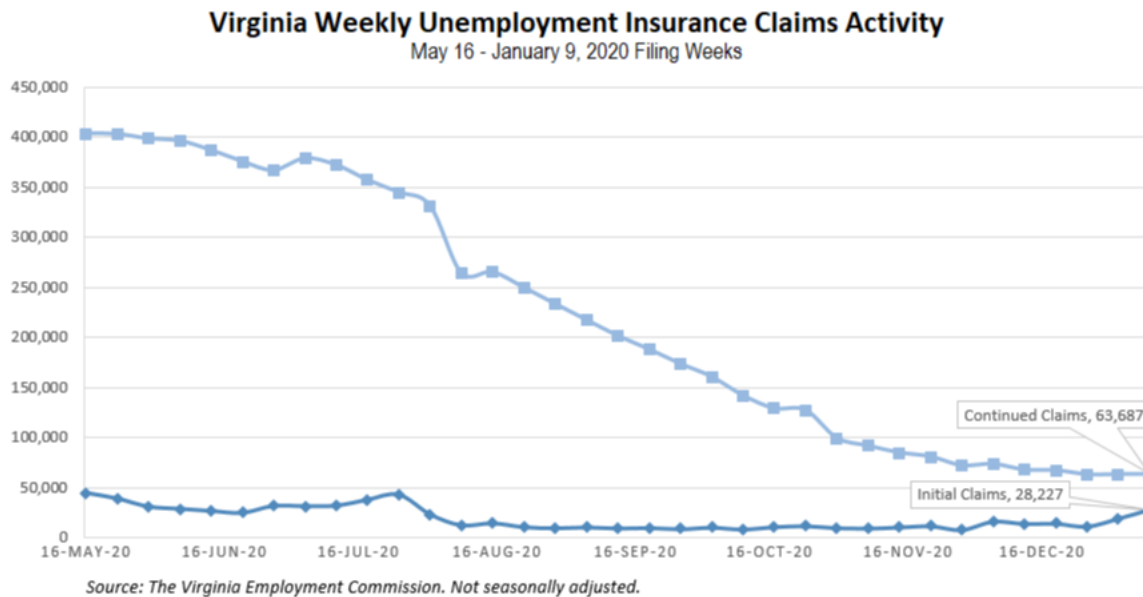
For the most recent filing week, continued weeks claimed totaled 63,687, which was a 0.2% increase from the previous week, but 40,110 higher than the 23,577 continued claims from the comparable week last year. Over half of claims were in the accommodation/food service, health care, administrative and waste services, and retail trade industries. The continued claims total is mainly comprised of those recent initial claimants who continued to file for unemployment insurance benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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For additional information on who is claiming unemployment insurance in Virginia, access the VEC's [U.I. claims data dashboard](https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard) (<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard>) that is updated no later than the following Monday after the weekly claims press release.

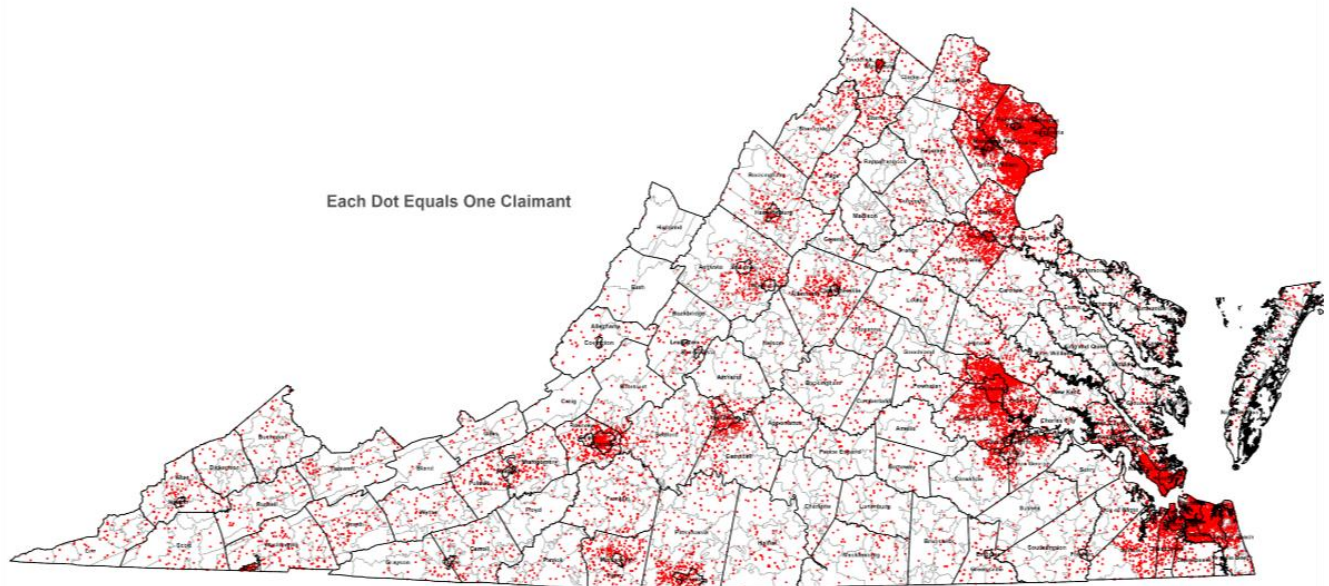


Nationwide, in the week ending January 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 965,000, an increase of 181,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 787,000 to 784,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,151,015 in the week ending January 9, an increase of 231,335 (or 25.2 percent) from the previous week. There were 338,550 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020.

Looking at preliminary data, most states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (+51,280) was the largest increase among states. Florida's preliminary weekly change (+50,747) was the second largest increase. Kansas's preliminary weekly change (+22,836) was the third largest increase. California's preliminary weekly change (+20,587) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+11,565) was the seventh largest increase.

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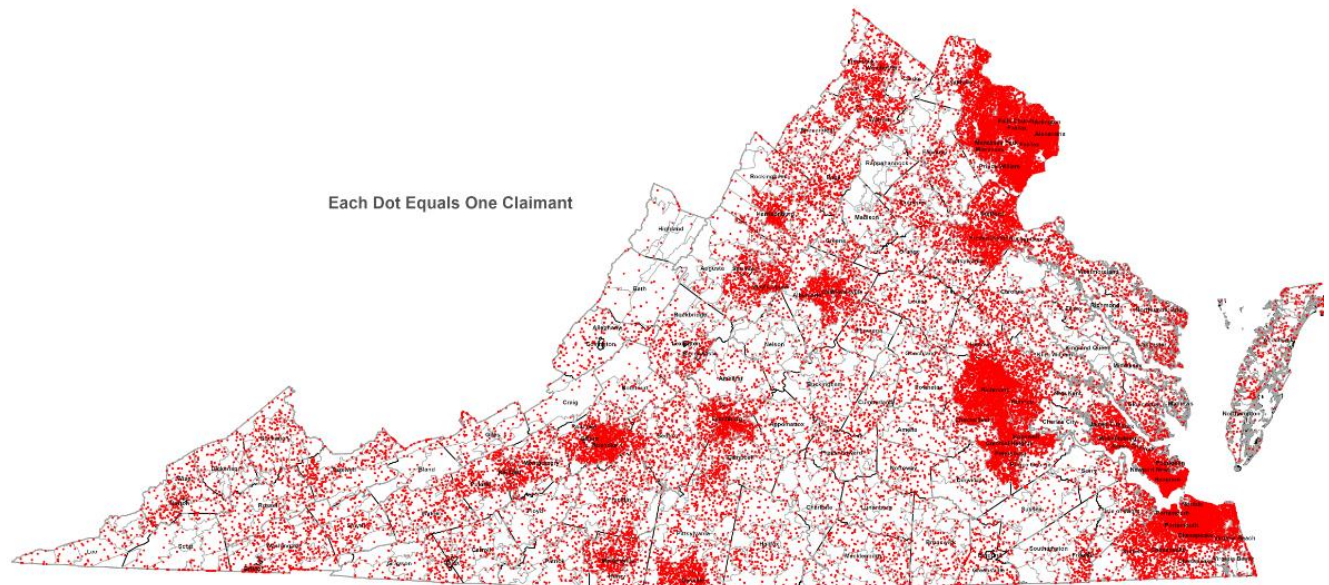
Initial Unemployment Insurance Claimants by Zip Code Area Week Ending January 9, 2021



Initial Unemployment Claims data were summed by zip code area. The dots do not show precise locations within the zip code area.

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Continued Unemployment Insurance Claimants by Zip Code Area Week Ending January 9, 2021

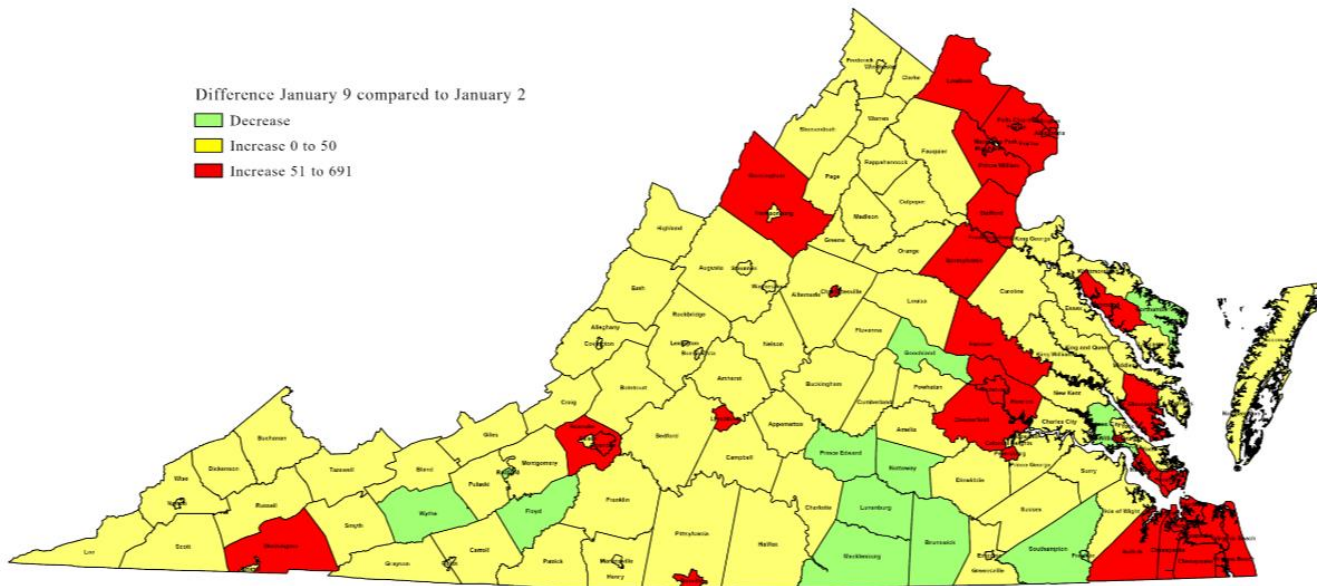


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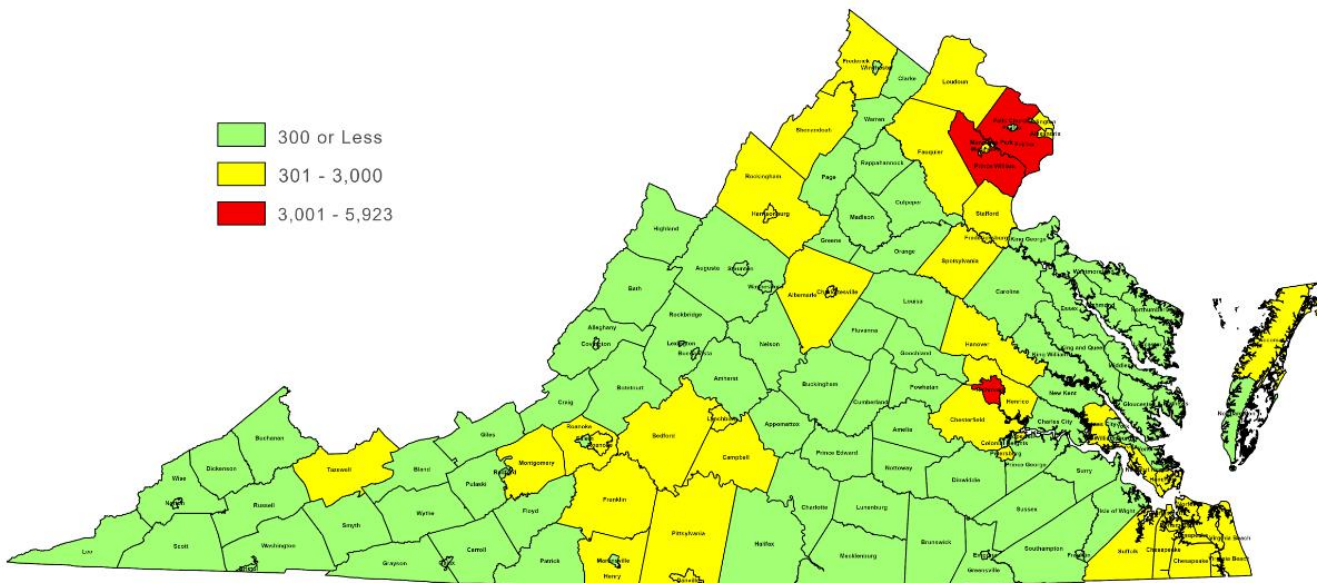
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claimants by County and City Weeks Ending January 9, 2021 Over January 2, 2020 Change



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